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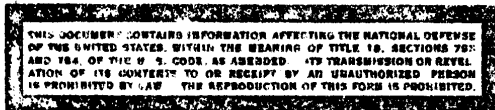
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On 18 September 1954, it was learned that sea police exercises were to begin on 21 September. As Forvettenkapiteen Schmidt stated, the situation assumed as a basis for the exercises was that a blue enemy attacked Ruegen Island and that Seehydrographischer Dienst (Maritime Hydrographical Service) (SHD) belonged to the defending red party. One observer knew from his own experience that the various SHD branches had prepared operation plans. 25X1

2. Section III (vessels) of the SHD had prepared a plan containing the names and technical data of seven SHD vessels and the initial positions to be taken at the beginning of the exercises on 21 September 1954: 25X1

JOHANN L. KRUEGER at anchor off Daenholt Island
 SENTA alongside the Northern Mole in Stralsund 25X1
 MACNETOLCE moored in Stralsund harbor
 CAUSS moored off Sassnitz harbor 25X1
 ARKONA alongside the Northern Mole in Sassnitz harbor
 HYDROGRAPH at anchor in the Peene River off Kroeslin 25X1
 Motor launch in Stralsund harbor, dispatch vessel.

It was assumed that the orders for the SHD vessels had been prepared by Section II. On 18 September 1954, the crews of the 7 SHD vessels were again expressly ordered to keep strict secrecy. Section III also had received orders to choose the vessels to be employed for the exercises on the basis of the political reliability of their crews. In practice, however, the ships were detailed only according to their technical suitability. All SHD officers participated in the exercises. 25X1

3. The sea police exercises beginning on 20 September were scheduled to last about two weeks. The vessels participating in the exercises included minelayer-sweepers, ESboats, SCHWALBE boats, DELPHIN boats, TUEMLER boats (store ship), drifter (tanker), (ex FUERSTENBERG) and (ex PRENZLAU). An additional number of vessels possibly participated in the exercises. The ERNST THAELEMAN probably did not take part in the exercises because her hull repairs were not expected to be completed until late in September 1954. 25X1

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Comment. DELPHINS [redacted] were assigned to the Stralsund-Parow training group. In contradiction to the statement in paragraph 3, only eleven DELPHIN boats appeared to have participated in the exercises.

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